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GROVER HAS THE MEN.

Cleveland Can Rely Upon Thirty-Three Illinois Delegates at the Coming National Convention.

He Is Their First Choice To-Day but They Will Obey the Harsh Instructions,

And Will Vote for the New York Congressman for Some Ballots as Directed.

But the Indications Point to a Break to Cleveland and a Lively Stampede.

Once His Name Is Before the Nominating Body, His Friends Predict His Nomination.

Illinois will vote for Grover Cleveland in the Democratic National Convention.

And when Illinois does vote for him a stampede for the ex-President will ensue which will sweep all before it.

Thirty-three out of the fifty-four delegates to St. Louis from this State are for Cleveland to-day.

Three out of the four delegates at large and thirty of the district delegates favor Grover.

The instructions for Hearst will bind the delegation for some ballots and the two-thirds rule which governs Democratic National Conventions will insure several ballots without a choice.

Then the break will come and Illinois will lead the Cleveland parade and probably bring about his nomination.

Taken as a whole, the Democratic judicial ticket is one of the best ever named by that party in Cook County.

The names of Philip Stein, Thomas M. Hoyne, Joseph A. O'Donnell and George Mills Rogers would add strength to any ticket upon which they might appear. Judge Stein has made a splendid record on the Superior Court bench as a lawyer and a jurist. Messrs. Hoyne, O'Donnell and Rogers have long been regarded as among the most brilliant and capable members of the bar, and their great popularity has been recently demonstrated in the most conclusive manner.

Following are the nominations for Congress made at the Democratic Congressional Convention Tuesday:

First district, John Oehlman; Third, Thomas M. Grath; Third, Dr. Willis C. Stone; Fourth, George P. Foster; Fifth, Charles J. Vopicka; Sixth, George P. Gubbins; Seventh, George S. Foster; Eighth, William Preston Harrison; Tenth, James Turnock.

It will be noticed that there are two nominations in the Third district. This is due to the high handed conduct of the city hall forces, through which recognition was denied everybody else and which compelled a bolt by the followers of John P. Hopkins and George E. Brennan. The matter will no doubt be threshed out before the Board of Election Commissioners and the County Court.

Although the election of the next United States senator from Illinois is two years off, the first skirmish in that battle has already occurred.

Notwithstanding the slight preliminary advantage gained by Senator Shelby M. Cullom in carrying off the chairmanship of the Illinois delegation in the Republican National Convention, the contest between the veteran statesman from Sangamon and Governor Richard Yates, for the next United States senatorship from Illinois promises to be a close and exciting one.

There is no doubt whatever that Governor Yates will be a formidable candidate for the Cullom throne, and scores of the leaders of the "stalwarts" throughout the United States are thus early declaring themselves for him. It is an unquestionable fact that the governor has gained in strength among the rank and file of the party every day since the close of the fam-

ous deadlock in the State Convention; and it is generally admitted by party leaders on all hands that the governor is stronger before the people to-day than he was at any time since his election to the office of chief executive of the State.

That the fight between Yates and Cullom for control of the Legislature at the session at which the successor to Senator Cullom will be elected is on its simply proven by the struggle for the chairmanship of the delegation in the convention and the incidents arising out of it. Some bitterness was injected into this aftermath of the State Convention by the attitude taken in reference to it by certain Cook county leaders, an attitude which proved that their actions in the premises were caused not only by recollections of the past, but by anticipations for the future. Despite all of this, however, it is not anticipated that this incident will have any very serious effect upon the prospects of either candidate in an election, which is to be held over two years and a half from date.

Hon. Charles J. Vopicka is one of the very best men ever nominated for Congress by either party in Cook County. The Democrats of the Fifth Congressional district have done honor to themselves in nominating Mr. Vopicka as their representative to Congress. A man of sterling qualities as a citizen, successful in his business pursuits, public spirited, well versed in matters of State and public policy, he will make an ideal Congressman, and one of whom not alone his constituents but the entire State of Illinois will have reason to feel proud.

The clergyman who opened the Republican National Convention with prayer was Rev. T. P. Frost.

This is the thirteenth Republican National Convention. This is said to be one reason why the delegates were anxious not to conclude their business on Friday. A double hoodoo would be most undesirable.

The idea of a Democratic central committee being named by a clique and put through by a resolution without giving the ward delegations a chance to have a word in the selection is preposterous.

The proposed emasculation of the theater ordinance should be opposed by every alderman who has the interests of the people at heart. The public will note with satisfaction that the Mayor has taken a positive stand against the amendments proposed by the Theatrical Managers' Association, and has announced that if they are passed by the city council, it will have to be done over his veto.

Mayor Harrison's choice of Hon. George Duddleston as one of the new appointees to the Board of Education was a happy one. Mr. Duddleston is a business man, who has a deep interest in the welfare of Chicago, and Chicago is proud to claim him as one of her leading citizens. As an alderman Mr. Duddleston made a record of which he may well be proud, as his constituents, irrespective of party, always were. Mr. Duddleston will bring

HON. JAMES H. ECKELS, Distinguished Statesman and Financier, Who Will Represent Illinois in the Democratic National Convention.



to the discharge of his honorary but highly important duties, a ripe experience in public affairs, business experience and a desire to aid in the great work of the education of the youth of this city.

Chicago judges have adopted new means of fighting crime and pauperism in this city. The plan is to deport the wicked and poor who are flooding this country from all parts of Central and Southwestern Europe. It would be a blessing to the people of this country if deportation were rendered needless by the prevention of undesirable immigration by the Federal authorities.

Judge Brentano has gained fresh commendation from the people of Chicago by practically squelching the dog-in-the-manger policy which has for years blocked all efforts to improve the Lake Front. In this case the able and popular jurist has upheld the South Park Commissioners in their efforts to fill in the lake front of Grant Park.

One incident that disturbed the dull routine of the Republican National Convention and which is likely to be heard from again during the campaign was the publicly announced bolt of Governor La Follette, of Wisconsin. The attitude of the Governor and his followers, wisecracks say, is likely under certain circumstances to give the Badger State to the Democrats.

We are pleased to note this week that the Board of Education has decided to name a school after Cyrus H. McCormick. The building which will henceforth be known as the McCormick School is located at Sawyer avenue and 27th street.

In the sudden death of Justice E. C. Hambrugher, the well known North Side justice of the peace, Chicago lost an upright, honorable and useful citizen, and the magistracy of Cook County one of its ablest and most respected members. The funeral was held on Monday, interment being at Waldheim cemetery.

Notwithstanding the sharp practices in connection with the adoption of the platform, John P. Hopkins, Roger C. Sullivan and their friends, have announced that they will heartily support the county ticket. This is well for there are many good men on it eminently deserving of the support of all Democrats.

Lively scenes and close contests marked the Democratic Senatorial conventions which were held in eighteen districts throughout Cook County Wednesday. Bolts developed in three of

them, two tickets being nominated in the Ninth and Second Districts, while in the Twenty-sixth the faction led by Alderman Ehemann left the convention announcing their intention of holding one of their own June 29. Some good, some bad and some indifferent candidates were, as usual, nominated.

Among the very best nominations made by the Democratic County Convention is Harry Hildreth, Jr., candidate for clerk of the Circuit Court. Mr. Hildreth is popular as a citizen, being born and raised in Chicago, and possessing hundreds of personal friends in both parties. Besides this he will command the united support of the Democracy of Cook County. Mr. Hildreth has been a life-long Democrat and has made no enemies in politics.

Postmaster Coyne's exertions in behalf of the Chicago postal employees have borne golden fruit. At the beginning of the fiscal year the salaries of 438 clerks in the Chicago postoffice will be increased substantially.

Once again the Municipal Ownership advocates are at it. They barely tolerate the notion of a ten-year franchise to the traction companies, but they tear their hair and rend their garments at the mere thought of a two-year grant. Meantime the street railways go ahead owning and operating their roads at the old stand and in the old way, while the people suffer severely. If the municipal ownership people keep it up this state of affairs will go on forever, and the street railway people need not care a row of pins whether they ever get a franchise or not.

Mr. Edward Tilden has given the public valuable services as a member of the Board of Education. As a business man he stands in the foremost ranks, and, if he desired elective office there is nothing in the gift of the people of Chicago or Cook County that they would think too good for him.

Among those who rendered splendid service in bringing the school year of 1904 to a successful close was Hon. John C. Fetzner. As a member of the Board of Education, Mr. Fetzner displayed the same tact and energy and splendid ability which has crowned with success every undertaking into which he has entered.

Hon. James H. Eckels would make a great and most fitting leader for the Illinois delegation to the Democratic national convention at St. Louis. The great mass of the Democrats of Illinois would be proud to hear the vote of their State announced in the national assembly by a statesman, an orator and a true Democrat, and all of these Mr. Eckels is in a pre-eminent degree.

That baseball game between Republican and Democratic Aldermen is likely to be a most interesting affair. The opposing teams are to be captained by Aldermen R. R. McCormick and Honore Palmer, both of the Twenty-first Ward.

Thomas M. Hoyne, one of the Democratic nominees for Judge of the Superior Court, is a lawyer of the highest standing and most undoubted ability. He is eminently qualified for the office of Judge, possessing in addition to his widely acknowledged qualifications as a profound lawyer the judicial temperament which goes to make up the ideal jurist. Mr. Hoyne comes of an old pioneer Chicago family, and he will be supported not only by the full vote of the Democratic party but by thousands who put good citizenship and high merit above considerations of partisanship.

We are glad to notice that some of the redundancies in the Chicago school studies are to be wiped out. In this connection it is gratifying also to notice that the study of foreign history such as that of Lancaster's History of England, is to be made supplementary to the study of American history.

Regarding the Cook County Democratic ticket, John P. Hopkins is thus quoted: "All I have to say is that this is a good ticket and includes several of my personal friends. I shall work for it and vote for it and I believe the ticket can be elected."

In the Seventh Congressional District the Democrats have named a strong candidate for the National Legislature and one who is bound to win. In the person of George S. Foster, Mr. Foster is a lawyer of high ability, a man of fine address, versed in the public questions of the day and in every way qualified to worthily and creditably represent in Congress the people of the Seventh District.

All the talk by cheap, four-flushing Aldermen about taking away or curtailing the Mayor's power in regard to the issuing of saloon licenses is nothing more than rot. The Mayor's powers are conferred upon him by the State charter and the Council can neither abrogate nor abridge them.

Sixteen indictments of policy men within twenty-four hours after it was sworn in, is the record of the present grand jury up to date. It seems as if the sitting body had made up its mind to outdo its predecessor. President Zina B. Carter of the Drainage Board is making a splendid record as presiding officer of that body.

NAME STRONG TICKET.

Democrats of Cook County Get Together and Nominate Their Candidates for County Offices.

While Weak in Spots, the Ticket Is Satisfactory to Leaders of All Factions.

Harrison Men, by Unexpected Coup, Manage to Retain Control on County Central Committee.

Convention, Instead of Being Tumultuous, Was Surprisingly Harmonious—Does Business in Short Order.

Stein, O'Donnell, Hoyne and Rogers Add to Popularity of Judicial Slate—General Campaign Gossip.

The Democratic county ticket nominated in North Side Turner Hall last Monday is admitted on all sides to be a strong one. To be sure it has a few weak spots, but there never has been a ticket named yet that has been faultless from top to bottom.

All of the leaders of the various factions have expressed themselves satisfied with it, and one of the closest contests that has taken place between the two parties in Cook County in years is certain to be the result.

So far as the convention itself was concerned, instead of being the tumultuous gathering which preliminary preparations and indications presaged, it was on its good behavior from start to finish, the proceedings being most orderly and harmonious.

By a clever piece of strategy, the Harrison people have managed to retain control of the County Central Committee, and, what is more, should the resolution by which this was accomplished hold, this control will be, by virtue of it, maintained for the next two years.

The head of the ticket, Hon. George A. Trude, is one of the best known and most respected citizens of Chicago, and has in more than one election shown his great popularity by running far ahead of his ticket.

The same may be said for the nominees for several other offices on the ticket.

Viewing the situation as a whole, it may be anticipated that the Republicans and Democrats of Cook County will in this campaign fight out one of the hottest and most exciting battles in its history.

Following is the ticket in full:

STATE'S ATTORNEY.
George A. Trude, Second ward

PRESIDENT COUNTY BOARD.
Oscar F. Mayer, Twenty-first ward

RECORDER.
A. J. Sabath, Eleventh ward

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT.
Harry Hildreth, Eighth ward

CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT.
John S. Clark, Thirty-fifth ward

MEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW.
Joseph Donnerberger, Third ward

ASSESSOR.
James J. Gray, Twenty-third ward

CORONER.
John E. Traeger, Twenty-ninth ward

COUNTY SURVEYOR.
Frank A. Windes, Winnetka

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES.
Philip Stein, Sixth ward

Hiram T. Gilbert, Seventh ward

Joseph A. O'Donnell, Seventeenth ward

Charles Mitchell, Thirty-second ward

Thomas M. Hoyne, Third ward

George Mills Rogers, Riverside

MEMBERS COUNTY BOARD, CHICAGO.

Oscar F. Mayer, D. J. McLaughlin, Roco De Stefano, Timothy Cruise, Nicholas Gier, Herman J. Bauer, James O'Neill, John Szumlanski, John Budinger, Michael Woods.

MEMBERS COUNTY BOARD, COUNTRY TOWNS.

Thomas Taylor, Bloom; Eugene Malhoit, Proviso; A. J. Helitz, Worth; D. J. Hull, Riverside; Adam Malger, Northfield.

Hon. John J. Feely proved himself as graceful a loser as he has been in the past a winner. His action in seconding the nomination of Hon. George A. Trude for the state's attorneyship

was one of the handsomest things done in the County Convention. It was done in the interest of the party of which he has been all his life a loyal and consistent member.

The re-election of Hon. James J. Gray to the Board of Assessors is assured. He has made a splendid record and has the confidence of all the people.

One of the most commendable planks in the platform is the following in reference to loan sharks:

The pitiless extortion of loan sharks under form of law have oppressed and harassed large numbers of the people of this city. These greedy usurers, conspiring with certain corrupt justices of the peace and ruffianly constables, have been guilty of almost every variety of violence and fraud and have made themselves absolutely intolerable. We declare in favor of a law making the charging or collecting of usurious interest a misdemeanor punishable by fine or imprisonment or both.

Hon. Joseph A. O'Donnell will undoubtedly be elected to the Superior Court bench. He is an honorable citizen, a brilliant lawyer, and will make an excellent judge.

Hon. John P. McGorty was the man who presented the slate of judicial nominees to the Democratic county convention. The work could not have been entrusted to more fitting hands. Mr. McGorty is a lawyer of high repute and great ability and a Democrat of life-long fidelity.

A precedent was established by the Board of Education at its last meeting when it accepted aid from an outside organization in the prosecution of its law suits. The case in point, however, is a grave and unusual one. For the first time in its career the Board of Education has, during the past year, found itself short on teachers, and in the effort to supply the shortage it found itself short on material. In conjunction with this condition of affairs is the further fact that the Board is confronted by an action at law to restrain the Board from further maintenance of the Normal School. It is a unique condition and unusual action is the result.

There is to be no trouble after all between the Drainage Canal Board and the City Council in regard to the price the city is to pay for the Lockport water power. A definite price has already been agreed upon and all misunderstanding will be at an end. This is as it should be.

Among the members of the Board of Education whose terms of office have expired are Mrs. Isabelle O'Keefe and Joseph Downey. Both of these have been among the most useful and active members of the Board. They will, no doubt, be reappointed.

Hon. Geo. P. Foster has proven an able and faithful representative of the people in Congress. He has made a record creditable to his district and to